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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6258

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: MOPS CH (DOWNEY)

SUBJ: RELEASE OF US DETAINEE DOWNEY FROM CHINA-- HEAVY GOLD

1. DOWNEY DEPARTED HONG KONG AT APPROX 1230 HOURS
MARCH 12 VIA US MILITARY AIRCRAFT AS PLANNED FOR
APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE- HALF HOUR FLIGHT TO CLARK FIELD,
PHILIPPINES. DOWNEY WAS RELEASED BY PRC AUTHORITIES ON PRC SIDE OF
BORDER TO CUSTODY OF AMERICAN RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE EUGENE
GUY AT APPROXIMATELY 1150 HOURS AFTER GUY GAVE SIGNED RELEASE TO
PRC OFFICIALS.

2. DOWNEY SEEMED IN VERY GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION,
SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN WAS EXPECTED. DOWNEY APPARENTLY HAD BEEN
ALREADY INFORMED OF MOTHER' S CONDITION AND HE WAS PLEASED WITH
TRAVEL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS AND WAS CLEARLY ELATED WITH HIS
RELEASE.

3. DOWNEY HAD NO CONTACT WITH PRESS BUT WAS ASKED FEW QUESTIONS
BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES WHO
WERE PRESENT (HONG KONG 2370). WHILE THERE WAS VISUAL TV
COVERAGE OF THE EVENT BY GIS PERSONNEL AND WHILE DOWNEY MADE
VERY BRIEF REPLIES TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS AS HE PASSED GIS REPS,
THERE WAS NO EXTENDED INTERVIEW. HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAVE
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USUAL EXCELLENT COOPERATION.
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